

Special Flight Permits

A Special Flight Permit (commonly referred to as a Ferry Permit) may be issued to any U.S. registered aircraft that may not currently meet applicable Airworthiness Requirements but is capable for safe flight.

Note: 1.) A Special Flight Permit is not an authorization to deviate from the requirements of 14 CFR Part 91.

2.) Special Flight Permits will be issued by the FSDO/IFO having jurisdiction over the geographical area in which the flight is to originate, this does not apply to 121 or 135 certificate holders.

3.) **If an AD requires compliance before further flight and does not have a provision for issuance of a Special Flight Permits, the operation of the aircraft to which it applies would not be appropriate, and a Special Flight Permit will not be issued.**

The following is not all inclusive (refer to 14 CFR [Part 21.197](#)), but lists the most common request for Special Flight Permits.

- 1.) Flying the aircraft to a base where repairs, alterations, or maintenance are to be performed, or to a point of salvage.
- 2.) Flying an aircraft whose annual inspection has expired to a base where an annual inspection can be accomplished.
- 3.) Flying an amateur built aircraft whose condition inspection has expired to a base where the condition inspection can be accomplished.
- 4.) Delivering or exporting the aircraft.
- 5.) Production flight testing of new production aircraft.
- 6.) Evacuating aircraft from areas of impending danger.
- 7.) Conducting customer demonstration flights in a new production aircraft that have satisfactory completed production flight tests.
- 8.) To authorize the operation of an aircraft at a weight in excess of its maximum certificated takeoff weight.

An applicant for a Special Flight Permit must submit a statement in a form ([FAA-Form 8130-6](#), online type-able in PDF format) and manner prescribed by the Administrator indicating:

- 1.) Purpose of the flight.
- 2.) Proposed itinerary.
- 3.) Essential crew required to operate the aircraft.
- 4.) The ways, if any, in which the aircraft does not comply with the applicable airworthiness requirements.
- 5.) Any other information, requested by the Administrator, considered necessary for the purpose of prescribing operating limitations.

Fill out sections I, II, VII and sign. Fax the completed form to the Philadelphia Flight Standards District Office at 610-595-1519. (If you're requesting a Ferry permit for an aircraft that's in the Philadelphia FSDO area.)

Additional Items requested by this the Philadelphia FSDO to be faxed along with the application Form 8130-6 are:

- 1.) A current copy of the aircraft **Airworthiness Certificate**.
- 2.) A current copy of the aircraft **Registration**.
- 3.) A current copy of the **front page of the aircraft and engine/s log book**, with all entries completed, (i.e. Aircraft / Engine/s / Propeller/s Manufacture, Model, serial number, etc.).
- 4.) A current copy of the Aircraft/Engine/Propeller/Appliance **AD compliance status**.
- 5.) A copy of the **last Aircraft Log Book entry**, stating that this aircraft has been inspected and is in a safe condition to fly/ferry and that all applicable AD's have been complied with and or a listing of the AD's that have not been complied with, signed by an FAA certificated, A&P Mechanic or Part 145 Repair Station.
- 6.) The **Administrator may request to inspect the aircraft**, in question, before approving or issuing a Ferry Flight Permit.

The Administrator may require the applicant to make appropriate inspections or test necessary for safety. (This means an FAA certificated Airframe and Power Mechanic or Part 145 Repair Station will need to inspect the aircraft prior to flight).

At the request of the applicant, the Ferry Permit may be transmitted via FAX.

The aircraft operator must display, in the aircraft, the current Airworthiness Certificate and the Special Flight (Ferry) Permit along with its operating limitations.

For additional information, please refer to 14 CFR [Part 21.197](#) or your local FSDO.

If you reside in the Philadelphia District Office area, call the Philadelphia Flight Standards District Office at 610-595-1500.

Reference: FAA Order 8130.2D Section 11, para 171.